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RE: Docket No. RM 2017-12

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of National Cancer Center, Inc., our donors and, most importantly, the medical institutions that rely on us for funding. Through our mail programs, we at NCC fund post-doctoral fellowship grants to young scientists nationwide. We rely on the U.S. Mail to raise funds and communicate with our supporters and constituents. Without the mail, our fundraising would suffer severely and as a consequence, so would our mission.

We simply do not understand why suddenly there is a need to increase nonprofit marketing mail rates for the nominal benefit of commercial marketing mail. This would seem to fly in the face of the rationale of the law granting nonprofits a discounted rate.

As a practical matter, injecting unanticipated increases such as those proposed here by USPS will mean that our fundraising budget will not be able to keep pace with the increase in postage costs. The inevitable result will be a reduction in our use of the mail, a reduction in our revenues, and, in turn, a reduction in our ability to serve our scientists studying for a cure for cancer.

If our postage rates were to increase, say, 5%, and produce a corresponding 5% loss of revenue, we would not be able to continue to run our programs which would negatively impact our NCC, breast cancer, children's cancer, fighting children's leukemia and, aggressive cancer projects. Respectfully, we ask you to consider this consequence.

Please do not change the current system for calculating nonprofit rates. Implemented by the Postal Service ten years ago, we see no

pressing need for a change, especially not one that will do harm to all nonprofits using the mail.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Regina English". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Regina English

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